

**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's attention to the above referenced application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 10-22 are amended. Claims 19-22 are amended to recite an "apparatus" rather than a "system," for clarity only. Claims 1-22 were rejected. Claims 1-22 are now pending, of which claims 1, 10 and 19 are independent.

**Response to Comments in Advisory Action**

The Examiner attempts to assert that Claims 1, 10 and 19 are non-statutory or contain new matter.

The Examiner is mistaken in asserting that the printed material is coupled to the computer system. The term "book" is used in the specification to identify the more generic term, "printed material." A book is defined as "pre-existing material," at least on page 5, lines 2-7. It will be apparent to one of skill in the art that the pre-existing printed material is to be used with the computer implemented system including the printed material holder with receiver (to receive data from an electronic pen) and computing device. The computing device and holder are coupled together. However, the printed material is not permanently coupled to the holder or any other device. Applicants amend the claim to clarify that the printed material is both pre-existing, and to be placed on the printed material holder by a user, e.g., temporarily placed on the holder and not permanently coupled.

An ordinary person, whether skilled in the art or not, will understand from the reading of Applicants' Specification, that the printed material is not part of the apparatus, but is to be *used with* the apparatus, and has existed regardless of whether the apparatus exists. Known systems of electronic books, for instance, as cited by the Examiner, are not relevant to using a system with pre-existing material. At the time of filing, electronic books used fixed printed material which was most often *permanently* coupled to the computing system. This is contrary to Applicants' claimed invention. The use of pre-existing printed material to define positions on the page and actions to be performed based on selections at those positions when temporarily *placed* in a holder, would not have been an obvious modification of known electronic book systems, at the time of filing.

Claims 10-18 have been amended to limit the types of computer readable medium to "non-transitory" medium. Thus, any non-statutory medium should be specifically limited out, and Claims 10-18 are now believed to be statutory.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the remarks and amendments set forth above. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at **703-633-6845**. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0221 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted,

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